GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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POPULARISATION OF SIDDHA SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by the Union Government to promote and preserve Siddha system of medicine in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of Siddha dispensaries in the country under the Central Government Health Scheme;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to open more Siddha dispensaries in the country to popularize this system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The Govt. of India has taken various measures including the following to promote & preserve Siddha System of Medicine:

- Steps have been initiated to establish the National Institute of Siddha at Chennai as an institution of excellence in Siddha.

- Grant in aid has been provided to Siddha Under graduate & Post graduate institutions.

- Under the Pilot Scheme of Home Remedy Kit for ISM&H, the District of Theni in Tamil Nadu has been identified for Siddha Systen of medicine.

- A Task Force has been constituted for Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (Siddha), so as to prevent patenting the Traditional Siddha knowledge available already in the Siddha classics.

- Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha is conducting research in Siddha medicines.

- Siddha manuscripts are being preserved under Literary Research Programme of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha.

(b): Under the Central Govt. Health Scheme two Siddha dispensaries, one each in Chennai, Tamil Nadu & New Delhi, are functioning.

(c)&(d): Central Government Health Scheme, Department of Health has proposed to establish one Siddha dispensary at Chennai. Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy has suggested that 2 Siddha dispensaries should be opened at Delhi.